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Weather-Related Public Service Announcement “Snow & Ice Can Damage Fuel Storage Tanks”

Snow and ice can damage outdoor heating oil/propane/natural gas tanks, and the piping connecting the tank to the building.

Damages to tanks and piping can result in gas leaks and heating oil spills. Gas leaks are an explosion/fire hazard, and heating oil spills must be cleaned-up to protect property and the environment.

- Snow and ice that has accumulated around tanks and piping should be (carefully) removed for accessibility and safety.
- Snow and ice damage should be prevented by removing it from roofs where tanks are located below.
- When removing snow and ice from roofs care should be taken to avoid dropping it onto tanks and piping.
- Temporary and permanent covers can be used to protect tanks and piping from snow and ice damage.

For more information, contact DES at 271-3577, or your own fuel dealer.

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